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Doug Mayne Named Vice Director

The State of Hawai'i Department of Defense announced the selection of retired Washington Army National Guard **Lt. Col. Doug Mayne** as Vice Director of State Civil Defense. Selected following a rigorous nationwide search process, Mayne will oversee the day-to-day administration, training and readiness of State Civil Defense personnel, as well as coordinate with private industries and county, state and federal disaster response agencies.

Currently based in Olympia, Washington, Mayne has served as a federal coordinating officer for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region X, where he led responses to seven disasters in six states over the last four years. In his new position, Mayne will report directly to **Maj. Gen. Darryl Wong**, State Adjutant General and director of State Civil Defense.

Mayne previously worked with the Hawai'i Joint Force

HQ staff in 2007 during the annual Makani Pahili disaster response exercise. Mayne has also served as the deputy director of the J5/7 (future operations and training) for



the joint staff of the Washington State National Guard; chief of staff for the 4th Brigade, 91st Division (Training Support), Fort Lewis, Washington; training officer, 81st Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) Washington National Guard; and commander of the 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment (Mechanized), Washington National Guard.

"Doug has a wealth of experience in disaster management on the national level as well as years of service in Washington State, which has the same arrangement as Hawai'i - National Guard, Emergency Management and Homeland Security functioning under the same department - so he already knows how to work well within that framework," said Maj. Gen. Wong. "His years of experience at the local, state and federal levels, where he directed programs, wrote and implemented plans and led large staffs during disaster responses, makes him the best choice."

Mayne holds a master's degree in organizational leadership and master's certificates in organizational development and human resources from Chapman University, Fort Lewis Campus, Wash. He also has a bachelor's of history from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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Our Mission

To prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies caused by natural or man-made hazards

This important mission is implemented through hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness, homeland security, emergency response, and through disaster recovery programs

Hawaii Emergency Preparedness Executive Consortium

The Hawaii Emergency Preparedness Executive Consortium or HEPEC began in 1998. Originally, the organization's purpose was to deal with anti-terrorism issues. HEPEC has evolved to address issues involving support civil authorities during natural disasters.

The consortium now has more than 70 members from both the private sector and government agencies. Members from the private sector

include the Red Cross, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Hotel Association. Government members include federal, state and county emergency management/civil defense agencies; law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services departments, and departments of the State of Hawaii. Representatives from Pacific Command and the National Guard are members

because of their important role in disaster response.

Subgroups tackle issues then present recommendations to the entire forum for approval. HEPEC meetings are scheduled quarterly and are facilitated by State Civil Defense.

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Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan

In December 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through its Office of Emergency Communications, asked each state and territory to develop a Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP). The SCIP establishes the strategic direction, goals, and objectives for each state relating to communication interoperability for first responder and related functions. The development of a SCIP became a condition for receiving future DHS communication grants. As of April 2008, all 56 states and territories have a Department-approved SCIP.

The development of the Hawai'i Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) offered the Hawai'i public safety community an opportunity to coordinate statewide interoperable communications solutions by focusing on the needs of public safety providers and by providing internal and external solutions. It promotes a system of systems approach in order to accommodate the dissimilar legacy land mobile radio systems used by the different public safety agencies statewide.

The State of Hawai'i is advocating and implementing interoperable communica-

tions solutions that will allow emergency response personnel to communicate with whom they need on demand, in real time, and as authorized. This approach allows public safety response agencies the flexibility to select equipment that best fits their operational requirements and still use current local, state, federal agency, and non-government organization's communication systems without prematurely changing out functional operating communications systems.

Some of the interoperable communications initiatives established in the SCIP are:

- Establishing the governance structure to oversee interoperable communications for Hawai'i's public safety agencies
- Establishing a strategic technology reserve for strategic and tactical communications during catastrophic events that compromises communication infrastructure
- Adopting national public safety infrastructure technology standards for Hawai'i's public safety agencies

- Establishing National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) training requirements for public safety agency and developing training and skill prerequisites for Communication Unit Leaders (COML)

- Migrating the existing State of Hawai'i's disparate radio systems onto one statewide Public Safety 700 MHz radio system

- Schedule regular meetings of communication stakeholders to share ideas and resolve challenges

Communication stakeholders from throughout the state met, coordinated and collaborated to develop the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan. This effort created an environment to share information and continues to offer valuable opportunities to provide mutually agreeable interoperable communications solutions.

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Parts of this article come from the Introduction of Hawai'i's Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan, November 15, 2007.

New Vice Director Selected

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During his tenure with emergency response in Washington State, Mayne developed the Washington State National Guard all-hazards response plan; assisted with writing the Washington Emergency Management Division's evacuee support plan for Hurricane Katrina; and developed and implemented a multi-year disaster response exercise program that brought together more than 110 local, state, federal, tribal and non-governmental organizations in multi-tiered disaster and terrorism response exercises.

Mayne is scheduled to relocate to Hawai'i and assume his new duties in March.

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More New Faces and New Positions

Over the past few months, there have been several additions and internal transfers in the State Civil Defense (SCD) staff.

Mr. Merton Pang is a new member of the SCD staff. He serves as the Disaster Assistance Accountant. Pang comes to SCD from a local financial institution.

Mr. Ryan Hirae and **Mr. Justin Post** are two additions to the Radio Section. Both will serve as electronic technicians. Hirae comes to SCD from the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. Post was a intern while attending Heald College prior to starting fulltime at SCD.

Ms. Nancy Choe is now a Warning Officer in the State Warning Point (SWP). She previously worked in a support position in our disaster recovery section. Choe has

been with SCD for over four years.

Mr. Steve Yoshimura now serves as the Population Protection Planner. He formerly worked as an Operations & Threat Specialist in the State Warning Point. Yoshimura was an original member of the warning point team and helped establish the operating procedures.

Mr. Harry Miller has joined the SWP as a Warning Officer. He served most recently as an Emergency Operations Planner. Miller began working with SCD after the Kiholo Bay earthquake.

Mr. Glen Badua is now the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigations Program Grants Coordinator. He worked as a Task Force Emergency Readiness Planner. Badua has more than nine years with SCD.

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Tsunami Ready Communities

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently recognized both Kailua and Marine Corps Base Hawaii for attaining their “**Storm Ready/Tsunami Ready**” designation. The January 9, 2011 ceremony took place at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The ceremony included dignitaries from NOAA, the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii State Civil Defense, the Marine Corps, and members of both the Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. Raymond Tanabe, the Meteorologist in Charge of the NOAA’s Hawaii office and **Mr. Michael Canton**, the Tsunami Ready Program manager, presented certification certificates to both the Kailua Neighborhood Board and Marine Corps Base Hawaii leaders. The presentation culminated more than a year’s effort by both communities to achieve their designation as Storm/Tsunami Ready Communities.

The driving forces behind this joint community initiative for certification were:

- **Ms. Jacqueline Freeland**, Force Protection/Mission Assurance Program Manager, Marine Corps Base Hawaii
- **Ms. Carlene MacPherson**, Safety Preparedness Committee member, Kailua Neighborhood Board

- **Ms. Claudine Tomasa**, Safety Preparedness Committee Chair, Kailua Neighborhood Board



This was an outstanding joint effort by civilian and military communities that share a common shoreline. The major actions toward certification included:

- Education and outreach activities such as Kailua’s September 15 disaster fair
- Specialized disaster response training courses and exercises
- Designation of evacuation routes and safe areas
- Identification of an emergency coordination center

Mr. Kevin Richards, State Civil Defense Earthquake & Tsunami Planner, presented the program to the Kailua community and collaborated with them throughout 2011. He worked with the community volunteers, setting milestones and helping them achieve those goals. State Civil Defense’s role is guiding the community through the certification process. Community members and other volunteers do the work to achieve all the actions required for certification.

This National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Weather Service program began in 2006. Kailua is the first community driven organization in the state of Hawaii to achieve this designation. Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam was the first military community to receive NOAA’s designation.

For more information about the Storm/Tsunami Ready program, contact **Mr. Michael Canton**, National Weather Service, 973-5286 or **Mr. Kevin Richards**, State Civil Defense, 733-4300.

Seeking Applicants for Boards and Commissions

With the start of the 2012 Legislative Session, the Office of the Governor is reminding interested individuals who are looking to serve the public to consider service on a board or commission. Applications are being accepted for service on numerous boards and commissions including the Hawaii’s Tourism Authority, **Civil Defense Advisory Council** (representing the Island of Hawai’i), and the Island Burial Councils.

Members of the public may apply themselves or recommend qualified applicants via <http://hawaii.gov/gov/>.

“Each of these seats fulfills a unique need in the oversight and leadership of some of the State’s most important inter-

ests and industries,” Governor Neil Abercrombie said. “We are seeking leaders of diverse backgrounds who have the foresight and will to continue the forward momentum that Hawai’i has achieved over the past year toward a revitalized economy and unified, statewide community.

The Office of the Governor oversees more than 160 boards and commissions established by the state constitution, statutes or executive orders.

Boards and commissions vacancies include seats on aerospace, alternative medicine, emergency medical services, environment, cosmetology, economic development, corrections, culture and the

arts, education, festivals, health and human services, medical education, pest control, physical therapy, private detectives, public housing, small business, state parks, taxation, technology, tourism, voter registration, and wastewater treatment.

More information, including a complete list of vacancies and application instructions, is posted at <http://hawaii.gov/gov/about/boards-commissions.html>.

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This article come from the Governor’s page on the Hawaii State government website.

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State Civil Defense Activities

International Visitors

Hawai'i State Civil Defense (SCD) hosted **Dr. Chae-Ho Lim**, Deputy Director of the Korea Hydrographic and Oceanographic Administration. Accompanying him was **Ms Iji Kim**, the organization's coordinator for international collaboration. They received a general SCD briefing with emphasis on how the county, state and federal agencies work prior, during and after a tsunami.

Mr. Kevin Richards, State Civil Defense Earthquake & Tsunami Planner, provided a detailed briefing of Hawai'i's tsunami hazard mitigation. After the briefing, a tour of Birkhimer Emergency Operations Center was provided.

Several days later, SCD provided similar briefings to **Captain Patricio Carrasco**, Director of Servicio Hidrográfico y Oceanográfico de la Armada de Chile (SHOA) and **Lieutenant Commander Miguel Vasquez**, Head, Oceanography Department, SHOA. Lt. Cmdr. Vasquez also serves as the Associate Director of the

International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC).

Servicio Hidrográfico y Oceanográfico de la Armada de Chile translates to the Chile Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service.

Mr. Brian Yanagi of the International Tsunami Information Center accompanied the Chilean officers to Birkhimer Emergency Operations Center.

The third group of international visitors was from the Nansei Shoto Industrial Advancement Center, a think tank in Okinawa, Japan.

They are doing research of Disaster Management for Okinawa, to extend knowledge of disaster management not only of local area of Okinawa but of whole of Japan. The goal of this research is to clarify the challenges of disaster management of Okinawa as a first step of strengthening the area's security.

Puuhulu Stream Cleanup

State Civil Defense supported another

community cleanup along the Waianae Coast. **Mr. Steve Sigler** of SCD coordinated with **State Representative Jo Jordan**, who spearheaded the January 16, 2012 cleanup of the Puuhulu Stream.



A very small portion of the natural and man-made debris removed from the stream

The State just released \$2 million in general obligation bond funds to alleviate flooding in the area. Lualualei Flats often floods during heavy rains because of poor drainage and illegal dumping in streams and ditches. The project includes drainage improvements along Puhawaii Road, an access road in the Flats. Construction is expected to begin later this year.